

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 5 (Canceled)

6. (New) A break apart bicycle comprising:

(a) a front frame section including a head tube, a fork, two handle bars, a front wheel releasably coupled to the fork by a first quick release, a crossbar, a down tube extending rearwardly and obliquely from the head tube, and a joint tube at a rear end of the crossbar;

(b) a rear frame section including two foot pedals, a sprocket wheel having a front axle, a bottom bracket coupled to the foot pedals and front axle of the sprocket wheel, and a chain stay extending rearwardly from the bottom bracket to an axle of a rear wheel;

(c) a sleeve extending forwardly and obliquely from the bottom bracket, the sleeve having an upper end for receiving a lower portion of the down tube therein, the sleeve including at least one longitudinal slit at the upper end thereof and a second quick release for coupling the lower portion of the down tube within the upper end of the sleeve by temporarily deforming the at least one longitudinal slit;

(d) a seat post having a top saddle at an upper portion thereof and a lower portion, the joint tube including an upper end provided with at least one longitudinal slot for receiving the lower portion of the seat post therein, a third quick release for coupling the lower portion of the seat post to the upper end of the joint tube by temporarily deforming the at least one longitudinal slit; and

(e) a seat tube extending upwardly from the bottom bracket and having an upper end provided with at least one longitudinal slit for receiving a lower portion of the joint tube therein, and a fourth quick release for coupling the lower portion of the joint tube

within the upper end of the seat tube by temporarily deforming the at least one longitudinal slit.

7. (New) The break apart bicycle of claim 6 wherein each of the sleeve and down tubes includes a radial aperture formed therein, and further including a safety pin insertable through the radial apertures for securing the sleeve and down tubes together.

8. (New) A break apart bicycle comprising:

(a) a front frame section including a head tube, a fork, two handle bars, a front wheel releasably coupled to the fork by a first quick release, a crossbar, a down tube extending rearwardly and obliquely from the head tube, and a joint tube at a rear end of the crossbar;

(b) a rear frame section including two foot pedals, a sprocket wheel having a front axle, a bottom bracket coupled to the foot pedals and front axle of the sprocket wheel, and a chain stay extending rearwardly from the bottom bracket to an axle of a rear wheel;

(c) a sleeve extending forwardly and obliquely from the bottom bracket, the sleeve having an upper end for receiving a lower portion of the down tube therein, the sleeve including at least one longitudinal slit at the upper end thereof and a second quick release for coupling the lower portion of the down tube within the upper end of the sleeve by temporarily deforming the at least one longitudinal slit;

(d) a seat post having a top saddle at an upper portion thereof and a lower portion, the joint tube including an upper end provided with at least one longitudinal slot for receiving the lower portion of the seat post therein, a third quick release for coupling the lower portion of the seat post to the upper end of the joint tube by temporarily deforming the at least one longitudinal slit; and

(e) a seat tube extending upwardly from the bottom bracket and having an upper end provided with an external threaded section, the joint tube including a lower end provided with an annular flange, and a union nut having an internal threaded section

Application No.: 10/617,786  
Amendment dated: December 23, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of: August 3, 2004

for clinging to the flange and threaded engagement with the external threaded section to form a fourth quick release for coupling the lower end of the joint tube with the upper end of the seat tube.

9. (New) The break apart bicycle of claim 8 wherein each of the sleeve and down tubes includes a radial aperture formed therein, and further including a safety pin insertable through the radial apertures for securing the sleeve and down tubes together.